

# Newsweek and New York Post Condemn Trudeau's "Power Grab" as Unconstitutional and Factually Unsupportable

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## Trudeau's Power Grab Is Unconstitutional

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On Monday, Canadian Prime Minister [Justin Trudeau](#) announced he would be invoking the Emergencies Act, giving him broad emergency powers to quash a nonviolent protest of truckers opposing vaccine mandates. It is only the second time the Canadian government has ever given itself such powers in peacetime.

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First, the Emergencies Act specifies that only certain types of threats to public order can authorize emergency powers—which is why an order issued by the Governor General on Tuesday made the shocking allegation that the Freedom Convoy's activities are "directed toward or in support" of terrorism.

It's an astonishing claim for those who have been following the protests both in Canada's capital and at border crossings closely. There is not a single violent incident that could possibly support a legally sufficient argument that the protests have been in support of or connected with terrorism.

Second, the new Emergencies Act required a "national emergency" to be invoked, something so serious that it cannot be resolved by means of any other law or combination of laws. And yet, the two most significant challenges to the

government—the blockades of the Ambassador Bridge (from Windsor to Detroit) and the crossing from Sweetgrass, Montana to Coutts, Alberta—were both resolved peacefully, and without a single act of violence on the part of either the protesters or the police. At the end of the Coutts blockade, the demonstrators lined up to shake hands with law enforcement (the same ritual that ends every hockey game).

Only the protest in Ottawa remains, and evidence of terrorism, at least outside of the realm of mind-reading, remains rather thin. Moreover, Trudeau has refused to even meet with the truckers.

All of this means that Trudeau has failed to meet the requirements for invoking the Emergencies Act. His doing so is clearly unconstitutional.

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Justin Trudeau's Canadian injustice is just a naked grab for power

By [James Bovard](#)

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To save Canadian democracy, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau must first destroy it.

Since the start of the pandemic, Trudeau has acted like COVID entitled him to unlimited power in the name of public safety — sort of like Gov. Andrew Cuomo on amphetamines. Now he claims he is entitled to use an iron fist to crush the [trucker protest movement](#) against a vaccine mandate.

Many of the protesters believe the risks of the vaccine outweigh the benefit and, more important, that they have the right to control their own bodies. Trudeau responded by vilifying the peaceful protesters: "There is no place in our country for threats, violence or hatred."

Who's really the threat?

Except Trudeau seems to be doing most of the threats and hatred. He's denounced the protesters, baselessly, as "racist" and "misogynistic." And Monday, [he invoked the Emergencies Act](#), effectively awarding himself martial-law powers to repress resistance. Trudeau said his edict will provide him "the ability to compel" tow-truck companies to remove protesters' trucks.

He's even designating protesters as "terrorists" in the name of cutting off their funding. Canada's

Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland announced Tuesday: "We are broadening the scope of Canada's anti-money-laundering and terrorist-financing rules so that they cover Crowd Funding Platforms and the payment service providers they use."

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